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GARDENS FOR CHARLESTOWN HOLD BBQ FEAST



DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

Hungry fans of the Gardens For Charlestown line up to receive plates of delicious barbecue and appetizers during the BBQ fest that celebrated the start of the Summer Solstice. See Pages 5-8 for more photos.



The Gardens Of Charlestown was a perfect setting for a summer barbecue feast.

Sumner Tunnel to close July 5 through August 5

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) recently hosted two public meetings to provide information on the upcoming closure of the Sumner Tunnel, which is slated to begin on July 5 and run to August 5.

The Sumner Tunnel, which was closed for two months last summer, has been undergoing work for the last couple of years as part of a design-build project that had its bid awarded in 2021.

According to Michael Drew, a Project Manager in MassDOT's Highway Division, work completed so far includes removing and replacing the tunnel's ceiling and

overhead arch, repairing the tunnel walls, installing fireproof panels and new lights, and upgrading the tunnel's CCTV and fire alarms.

Drew indicated that the focus of the work anticipated for this summer is on the tunnel's deck and roadway surface.

"The deck is a structural concrete deck with steel floor beams that we're going to be doing a rehabilitation of the structural deck and then repaving the surface for a smooth riding surface," said Drew.

Other work anticipated for this summer includes installing new utility conduits and cables and

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Easing the commute

Tall Ship offering free ferry service between Charlestown and East Boston during Sumner Tunnel closure

By Dan Murphy

In an effort to make the commute a lot easier during the closure of the Sumner Tunnel, one East Boston restaurant is doing its part by offering free water shuttle service to anyone traveling to and from that neighborhood and Pier

6 in Charlestown, as well as to the North End and the Seaport, between July 5 and Aug. 5.

The Tall Ship - a floating oyster bar that sits atop a 245-foot vessel moored on Pier One in East Boston - is offering this service, which arrives at and departs from 6 New

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EDITORIAL

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

With the Fourth of July falling on a Thursday this year, many of us will be enjoying an extra-long holiday weekend for which the weather hopefully will cooperate.

The Fourth of July brings back fond recollections from our youth, when we celebrated the Fourth with cookouts at our grandmother's house at Yirrell Beach on Pt. Shirley in Winthrop.

Those happy summer memories on the beach with family members, many of whom are no longer with us, are etched indelibly in our mind's eye and always bring a smile to our face as if they happened just yesterday, though they occurred decades ago.

Amidst all of our celebrating however, we often overlook the reason why we have a Fourth of July: It was on that date 248 years ago when a group of America's leaders and best thinkers gathered in Philadelphia to declare their independence from England by means of a proclamation to the world in which they stated, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We hasten to point out that in 1776, "men" literally meant only "white men." About 20 percent -- almost 500,000 persons -- of the country's 2.5 million population were enslaved. Half of the rest -- women -- were treated as chattel and did not have the right to vote in America until more than 150 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

But in the context of 2024, the basic premise of the Declaration of Independence -- "all men are created equal" -- resonates as loudly and as clearly as ever. To be sure, there are forces in our country that do not adhere to that belief. Racism, sexism, and prejudice still exist to far too large an extent.

But if we believe in the vision expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who declared, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice," the essence of the Declaration of Independence remains as true today as it did in 1776.

ENJOY A "SAFE AND SANE" FOURTH

Back at the turn of the last century (i.e., 1900), newspapers exhorted their readers to observe a "safe and sane" Fourth of July. That's because in communities big and small all across America, the founding of our nation had become a popular excuse for roving groups of young men to engage in mayhem of all sorts, causing indiscriminate and serious damage to private and public property starting at 12:01 AM on the Fourth.

The widespread rowdiness caused so much destruction that a "safe and sane Fourth" became a rallying cry among both public officials and the public at large. Within a short time, a public safety campaign and public awareness all but eliminated the problem.

Although the practices of more than 100 years ago are long since gone, there are far too many Americans who still see our mid-summer holiday as a time to blow off some steam as if anything goes. An often-overlooked aspect of the Fourth, especially during a long holiday weekend, is that too many among us will engage in behavior that is risky not only to ourselves, but to our loved ones and others around us.

Fireworks are illegal for everybody in Massachusetts, but that has not stopped the proliferation of fireworks in recent years. According to the State Fire Marshal's office, since 2018 illegal fireworks have caused 532 fires and explosions, about \$1.5 million in property damage, and more than 200 serious injuries that required hospital treatment. Nationwide, every year there are more than 10,000 injuries attributable to fireworks that require emergency room visits, with many fireworks' users losing fingers and suffering burns that will maim them for life.

Other risky behavior also spikes during the holiday weekend. It is estimated that there will be 600 deaths on our roads during the holiday, of which 40 percent will be attributable to drivers who are under the influence. This same admonition also applies to boat owners, who all-too-often think that being on the water while under the influence is safe and acceptable behavior.

Drowning is the leading cause of death of children ages 1-4 in this country. No parent should be impaired when they are near or on the water with their young children.

Although we no longer celebrate the Fourth as wantonly as our ancestors did, nonetheless we all must do our part to make sure that we observe the Fourth's festivities safely and sanely, both for ourselves and our loved ones. If someone at your party is impaired -- take their keys.

We wish all of our readers a happy, fun-filled, and safe & sane Fourth of July.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, Old Charlestown Schoolboys

To the Editor,
Mr. Jim O'Brien, President
Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association
Dear President O'Brien,
I wanted to take a moment

to personally thank you and the entire Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association for the generous scholarship that I was awarded at The Knights this past May. To be recognized by the oldest educational organization in the oldest neighborhood in Boston is truly an honor. As you know, I will be attending Purdue University in the fall,

and the scholarship I received will go a long way in helping to pay tuition.

Again, thank you to all members of The Association for the scholarship and the recognition from a truly remarkable organization!

Respectfully,
Harry White – BLS 2024

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replacing the drainage pumps, known as midriver pumps, in the middle of the tunnel.

It should also be noted that after the one-month closure, Drew said, “Based off the remaining work, we’re going to determine what additional weekend closures may be needed during the end of the summer and fall, eventually finishing the contract in December of this year.”

As the meeting progressed, managing impacts became a significant topic of discussion. “We fully understand the impacts that are going to be incurred, particularly with traffic during this closure,” said Drew.

In referencing the impacts that occurred with last summer’s extended closure, Drew said, “We’re really trying to stress to the public to anticipate that type of impact again and be able to plan for it.”

Similarly to last year, working groups have been used to help plan for the closure and reduce impacts. These working groups include Public Safety and Traffic, Transit Issues/Users/Mobility, Communication and Outreach, and Business, which report to a principals group.

“It’s a structure that worked very, very well for last summer’s closure, and we’ve been implementing and working together with these working groups for a number of weeks and months leading up to this closure,” said Drew.

An important aspect of managing impacts will be coordination with construction projects in the area. For example, Drew talked about limiting maintenance activity to emergency work or scheduling them during off-peak hours.

Moreover, Drew indicated a command center would be set up to monitor the closure and surrounding areas in case adjustments are needed.

Further, impact management includes plans for real-time traffic monitoring. Drew emphasized that the project contract includes incentives and disincentives to comply with the project timeline.

Concerning public safety, which Drew described as “one of the most critical aspects of the closure,”

plans are in place for increased ambulatory service through extra ambulances and shifts. Response times are also slated to be monitored.

Also, a Sumner Tunnel Contingency plan has been developed, so there are actions in place in case of issues.

Regarding managing travel impacts, officials are once again urging folks to ditch the drive and use other means of transportation. There will be discounts for alternative travel options for those who can get out of their cars.

For those traveling to or from East Boston and the North End, the Blue Line, which no longer has slow zones, will be free throughout the closure. Parking in Blue Line lots and garages will be reduced to \$2 daily. There will also be additional free parking near Wood Island Station, and an additional train will be added to the Blue Line midday.

Further, fare-free service will be available for those on key Chelsea Bus lines: routes 111, 112, 114, 116, 117, and Silver Line 3. The East Boston Ferry will also be free.

For those traveling to or from the North Shore, there are also some incentives to get out of your car. For example, Lynn Ferry riders can use a Zone 1A fare—\$2.40—and free parking will be at the city-owned lot near Blossom Street Pier.

Also, the MBTA will be operating Winthrop Ferry Service, which is \$2.40 for a one-way trip.

Travelers to or from Logan Airport can ride on Logan Express at a 25% discount if they order a ticket online or for free for riders under 17 years old.

Moreover, a Logan Airport stop will be added to the Winthrop Ferry, and those who take water transportation can skip to the front of the checkpoint screening line.

Finally, suppose someone is unable to take alternative transportation. In that case, there will be discounted tolls on the Tobin Bridge and in the Ted Williams Tunnel for those in the resident discount program. Also, <https://www.mass511.com/> will provide historical and real-time data during the closure to provide trav-

el time information.

Following the presentation, attendees were given time to ask questions. One attendee asked if MassDOT had contacted employers and asked them to allow employees to work from home during the closure.

Drew indicated they are doing outreach to those in the immediate area of the tunnel and regionally so employees or employers could potentially make adjustments.

Another attendee asked if MassDOT has looked at options for travelers going from the North to the South Shore, as they felt that public transportation was more expensive and took longer.

In response, Drew said, “As far as the scope of this project, what we’ve really been trying to concentrate on is alleviating the congestion that’s going to occur from the North Shore and the local vicinity of East Boston, Winthrop, Revere, et cetera, getting into Downtown Boston.”

“So we’ve been concentrating on basically those lengths with the Blue Line, the Commuter Rail, and that type of thing that will be affected.”

An attendee also asked about the recent uptick in trucks getting stuck at the Sumner Tunnel. Drew assured those in attendance that the clearance remains the same. He also indicated that additional signage would be added, and over-height detectors are being added to Route 1A.

Finally, an attendee asked about the exit off Route 1A heading to Route 145 sometimes being closed and did not understand why it was being done.

Drew indicated that it is part of the State Police’s procedure to flush traffic out from Logan Airport and that they are trying to improve communication so that travelers can be notified via its virtual message signs when it happens.

To learn more about the closure, visit the project webpage at <http://www.mass.gov/sumner-tunnel#sumner-tunnel-restoration>. To ask questions, email Sumner100@dot.state.ma.us or call the project hotline at (508)-510-2920.

MassDOT announces alternative travel options ahead of month long Sumner Tunnel closure

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announced their comprehensive mitigation plan to address travel impacts and provide cost effective alternative transportation options for residents and visitors ahead of the scheduled closure of the Sumner Tunnel from Friday, July 5, through Monday, August 5, 2024. The tunnel will be fully closed for approximately one month to facilitate work on the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project. This is a significant reduction from the originally planned two-month closure.

The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project will offer a variety of mitigation options for individuals coming from all travel points, including free trips on the MBTA Blue Line during the tunnel’s closure, free and reduced cost water ferry options, reduced Commuter Rail fares for riders, reduced parking costs at MBTA and Commuter Rail parking lots and garages, free fares on a number of Chelsea bus routes, discounted tolls for residents, and additional options for travelers to and from Logan Airport.

“We understand that the impact from this closure will be considerable for those who live and work in the area and need to travel in and out of Boston,” said Transportation

Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbitts-Nutt. “In recognition of that, we are providing as many options as possible to ‘Ditch the Drive’ and find alternative ways to move about the area.”

“MassDOT truly appreciates the interagency partnerships and community input to identify appropriate mitigation efforts,” said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. “We strongly encourage folks to take advantage of the numerous free and reduced fare transit options.”

“Last year we delivered safe and reliable service to support our partners at MassDOT during the Sumner Tunnel closure and this year we are ready to provide even better service. Our team at the T stepped up and accomplished record work to provide residents, essential workers, travelers, and transit-dependent riders many varied transit options during the Sumner Tunnel shutdown,” said MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng. “The Blue Line is operating at full speed across the entire line and with that we are able to pro-

vide trains every 5 minutes during the peak periods. This in addition to bus, commuter rail, and ferries, we are committed

to our existing riders and welcome new passengers. Our workforce takes great pride in our recent accomplishments and hope you choose to leave the driving to us.”

Details on mitigation options are below:

Travel To/From East Boston And North End

MBTA Blue Line and Parking

- The entire Blue Line in both directions will be free to riders. Gates will be open at all Blue Line stations from Wonderland to Bowdoin.

- An additional train will be added to the Blue Line in the mid-day period to help support more riders riding the line.

- All MBTA parking lots and garages on the Blue Line will be reduced to \$2/day. Additional free parking is available near Wood Island Station.

- Visit mbta.com/Sumner for additional information.

Discounted Tolls

- Discounted tolls will be provided for the Tobin Bridge and Ted Williams Tunnel for those registered in the Resident Discount Program.

- Real Time Traffic monitoring will be available at 13 local intersections.

East Boston Ferry

- The East Boston ferry will be free during the tunnel’s closure.

- The East Boston ferry service project operates between East Boston at Lewis Mall and the downtown Boston area at Long Wharf. East Boston ferry service schedules are available online with all ferry service schedules available at mbta.com/ferry.

Travel To/From The North Shore

Commuter Rail and Parking

- Zone 1A (\$2.40) fares from Salem and Swampscott Commuter Rail. Parking at Salem and Swampscott is just \$2 per day.

- Free parking at lots north of Salem, including Beverly, Gloucester, Hamilton/Wenham, Newburyport, North Beverly, Monserrat, Rowley, and West Gloucester.

- Blue Line benefits also apply. Travelers are encouraged to utilize the Wonderland Station parking lot if coming from the North Shore.

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St. via the Boston Launch Company, which currently operates three launch boats on the Boston Harbor to serve East Boston and Charlestown, as well as Lewis Wharf and the Fan Pier.

Hours of operation for the service, weather permitting, are Monday and Tuesday: from 3 to 11

p.m.; Wednesday through Friday: from 1 to 11 p.m.; and on Saturday and Sunday: from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Normally, the shuttle has a nominal fee of \$4 per adult one way and \$2 per senior citizen or teen one way. Visit bostonlaunchcompany.com for more information.

The Sumner Tunnel will be closed seven days a week from July 5 to Aug. 5 as part of a \$160 million rehabilitation project being led by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation (MassDOT).

To make reservation or for more information on The Tall Ship, visit tallshipboston.com.

OBITUARIES

Robert Maguire

His life was a testament to the power of living boldly and loving life deeply

It is with very heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our legendary uncle, brother, neighbor, colleague and friend, Robert L. Maguire of Charlestown, better known as "Muff." A truly fearless spirit, who left us far too early on May 26, 2024. He was surrounded by loving family and friends until the end.

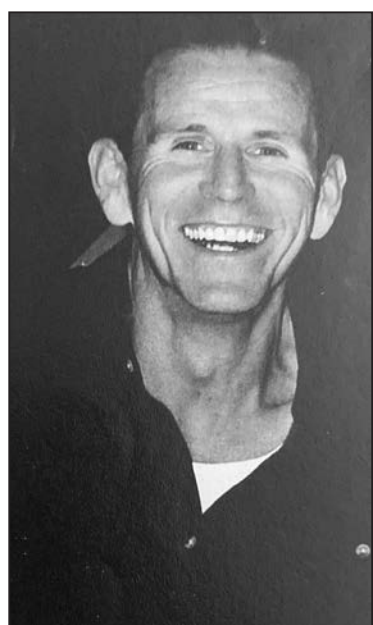
Born on November 16, 1952, in Boston, Muff lived a life defined by his larger-than-life personality, boundless energy, daring exploits and love for music.

Muff was born with an insatiable appetite for all things exhilarating, and he was highly active throughout his entire life, enjoying the thrills of discovery. His need for speed saw him racing snowmobiles, motorcycles and cars, skydiving from dizzying heights, scuba diving and sailing the open seas, where he loved seeing whales breaching out in the open water when he was often only a few feet away. He faced all of these challenges head-on, embodying the true spirit of a daredevil. He was zealous about sharing those joys with those who joined him.

As a self-employed contractor/business owner, Muff brought the same enthusiasm to his work as he did to his countless adventures. As a friend, he was constant, staunch, loving, and never, ever boring!

Music was certainly one of Muff's greatest loves. In his earlier years playing the saxophone, attending live concerts, or curating his extensive collection, music was the everchanging soundtrack to his life and his taste was unmatched. His mother took him to see Aretha Franklin as a teenager and he was hooked for life, a memory he always held dear. His diverse knowledge and deep appreciation for the art form brought so much joy to those around him. From DJ'ing out of a garage he rented in Charlestown to blasting tunes from funk to country in his home and favorite cars at all hours of the day, he created countless memories filled with rhythm and harmony.

Muff never married, yet he had deep loving relationships that meant the world to him. He cherished his close-knit circle of friends and extended family. He was proud of the neighborhood youth he coached and watched succeed. It was important to him that people knew they had limitless potential and to go for it,



whatever it was. His funny stories, infectious laughter, and zest for life will be remembered fondly by all who knew him. He lived life on his terms, always embracing it with a brave and hopeful heart.

He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Dorothy F. Maguire and John J. Maguire Jr., his brothers, John J. Maguire III and Lawrence F. Maguire, and his big sister, Susan J. Maguire Serrano. He is survived by his brother, Stephen M. Maguire, his many nieces: Kimi A. Serrano, Kristan Padula, Ana Karina DaCosta, Mollie A. Maguire and Paige D. Henrick; his nephews, David M. Serrano and Sunny P. DaCosta; grand nephews: Gavin M. Maguire, Flynn M. Maguire and Ronan S. Henrick, extended family and countless friends who were like family to him. Muff's unique spirit, love for music, and dedication to his many passions will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

A celebration of Muff's life will be held at the Knights of Columbus in Charlestown on July 14th from 4 to 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his name to the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, 15 Green St. Charlestown, supporting sports and music education for young people.

Muff was one of a kind, truly original in every way, and his life was a testament to the power of living boldly and loving life deeply. Though he has left us physically, his spirit and passion for life will continue to inspire us all in our own lives to move with courage and love. You are so very loved and you will live in our hearts, forever, Muff.

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Lynn Ferry

- The Lynn Ferry will operate between the Blossom St. dock in Lynn to Long Wharf, Gate 4, in Boston (near Aquarium).

- Free parking at the City of Lynn-owned lot will be available near the Blossom St. dock. Bicycles are allowed on the ferry.

- Riders may use a Zone 1A fare (\$2.40).

- The Lynn Ferry will operate five days/week on weekdays only, with 10 trips per day. Schedules are being finalized and will be released as soon as they're available.

Travel To/From Logan Airport Logan Express

- There will be a 25% discount when you buy tickets online, and children under 17 ride free.

- Adding additional parking capacity at Braintree Logan Express.

- MBTA Silver Line (SL1 & SL3) buses can use the I-90 EB Emergency Ramp.

- Providing passengers who take water transportation to the airport a "Ticket to Skip" to the front of the line for checkpoint

screening.

- Added stop at Logan Airport by the Winthrop Ferry.

Travel To/From Chelsea MBTA Busing Routes

- Five bus routes in Chelsea free during the closure: 111/112/114/116/117

- SL3: inbound and outbound will be free at these stops: Airport, Bellingham Square, Box District, Chelsea, and Eastern Avenue.

MassDOT also has a working partnership with public safety agencies and Boston EMS to support public safety during the Sumner Tunnel closure. There will be two dedicated ambulances for East Boston, two rotating ambulances to support the day shift, two rotating ambulances to support the evening shift, and one rotating ambulance to support the overnight shift.

Built in the 1930s, the Sumner Tunnel is the first traffic tunnel in Massachusetts and one of the oldest in the nation. The Sumner Tunnel is one of four ways into the City of Boston and processes over 39,000 vehicles per day and is the

main connection for East Boston, Logan Airport, and a main entry point for the North Shore.

The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project is a \$160 million investment in the Commonwealth's infrastructure. Last summer, the work that was completed included removing and replacing the tunnel ceiling and repairing the overhead arch, repairing tunnel walls and installing fireproof panels, installing new LED lights inside the tunnel, upgrading CCTV and fire alarm systems, and installing new utility conduits and cables under the bridge deck.

This summer's work will focus primarily on demolishing and replacing the tunnel deck and roadway surface. When completed, the tunnel's useful life will be extended more than 50 years, and it will be safer and more climate resilient.

For additional details on the Sumner Tunnel, please visit mass.gov/sumner-tunnel and sign up for email updates at MassDOT.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Wall, Derek B	Aronson, Brian	11 Monument St #1	\$1,700,000
Giampetroni, Claire S	Mukherjee, Biswarup	13 Harvard St #3	\$1,500,000
Santilli, Lauren M	Flinders, P M	143 High St #3	\$720,143
Romano, Katarina	Burak, Alexandra	19 Main St #B	\$681,000
Savage, Henry	Speer, Sean	19 Monument St #2	\$1,050,000
Aravind, Natassia S	Constellation Wharf Rt	25 9th St #25	\$1,585,000
Heintzelman, Steven	Eonta-Weissman Lt	35 Cook St #B	\$830,000
Emdin, Connor	38 Pleasant LLC	38 Pleasant St #2	\$880,000
St Pierre, Scott	Midura, Christopher M	464 Main St #2	\$790,000
Walsh, Kevin J	Armstrong, George	47 Harvard St #129	\$175,000
Annese, Kathryn	Birchler, Rachel	5 Hancock St #2	\$712,500
Abrahams, Alexander F	Reynolds, Lorraine A	52 Mystic St #1	\$720,000
Czekai, Kara	Arnold, William N	7 Ellwood St #3	\$950,000
Linnemann, Roger E	8-9 Monument Square LLC	8 Monument Sq #1	\$2,600,000
Oniskey, Mike	8-9 Monument Square LLC	8 Monument Sq #2	\$1,525,000
Van Stry, Jennifer	8-9 Monument Square LLC	8 Monument Sq #3	\$1,400,000
Davis, Melissa J	8-9 Monument Square LLC	9 Monument Sq #3	\$1,850,000

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GARDENS FOR CHARLESTOWN HOLD BBQ FEAST

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To celebrate the start of the Summer Solstice and community of Gardens For Charlestown, a BBQ feast was held at the neighborhood garden space. Barbecue meats was on the menu this year and Massachusetts State Rep Dan

Ryan and Senator Sal DiDomenico each donated a grill to Gardens For Charlestown. The Gardens provided a perfect spot to enjoy the mellow Summer weather to picnic with fellow gardeners and neighbors.



Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan gets to work to help out with the barbecuing. Both he and Senator Sal DiDomenico each donated a grill to Gardens For Charlestown.



Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico with Ryan Scadberg, Dave Nava, and Paul Hollien by one of the two grills that Senator DiDomenico and State Rep Dan Ryan each donated to the Gardens.



Gardens For Charlestown President Melanie Cevetello thanked attendees for their support.



The Gardens Of Charlestown was a perfect setting for a summer barbecue feast.



The Engels Family is happy to get rating their barbecue plates.

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Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico (center) with Suffolk County Clerk of the Civil Courts John Powers and his wife Nancy.



Julie Garhart with her sister Heidi and husband Alejandro.



Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan with Gardens For Charlestown President Melanie Cevetello and grillmaster Dave Nava.



Alejandra and Rich (2nd from right) Shea, Larry and Elva Higgins, and Kelsea Bronski.



Millie Engels' Garden saw the master gardener herself (2nd from left) with some special guests.



Gardener Aliz Willis (left), who has attended all of the special events at Gardens, with Gardens For Charlestown President Melanie Cevetello, Jackie Penta, and Wilbur.

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Teamwork was essential in helping put the Summer feast at Gardens For Charlestown together. Brian Lister in his inaugural role as co-organizer with veteran Dave Nava.



Kayla Stephens and her young friend Sam Newton-Hill.



Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan and Gardens For Charlestown President Melanie Cevetello by one of the grills that Rep Ryan and Senator Sal DiDomenico each donated to the Gardens.



Scout can't wait to dig into the barbecue of his two-legged friends Kathryn and Richie Banerji.jpg



Gardens For Charlestown President Melanie Cevetello, Jackie Penta, and Wilbur.



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Kate Lobben and Pippa Nava say hi to Rory and Emily Lawson with Poppy who were walking by.



Hungry fans of the Gardens For Charlestown line up to receive plates of delicious barbecue and appetizers.



Poppy looking for handouts.

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NFPA offers safety tips this summer season to help families protect themselves

With summer upon us and the 4th of July holiday just around the corner, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) is reminding people about potential electrical hazards that exist in swimming pools and hot tubs, onboard boats, on docks and piers, and in waters surrounding boats, marinas, and launch ramps.

While most people are unaware of electrical dangers posed in water environments such as electric shock drowning (ESD), each year people are injured or killed from these hazards. ESD can occur when improperly installed or maintained electrical systems within marinas or boat electrical systems result in electrical current in the water, which can then pass through a person's body, causing a level of paralysis that can ultimately cause serious injury or drowning.

"Because ESD is not well known, NFPA continues to raise awareness about the presence of electrical hazards in water to help prevent deaths and injuries from happening in pools and waterways," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach

& Advocacy. "Never swim near a marina, dock, or boatyard, and have a qualified electrician inspect your boat, swimming pool equipment, hot tub, and spa before engaging in any water activities to ensure all life-saving measures and protection systems are functioning properly."

Following are tips for swimmers, and boat and pool owners:

Swimmers

- Never swim near a marina, dock, or boatyard.

- While in a pool or hot tub look out for underwater lights that are not working properly, flicker, or work intermittently.

- If you feel a tingling sensation while in a pool, immediately stop swimming in the direction you are heading. Try and swim in a direction where you had not felt the tingling. Exit the water as quickly as possible; avoid using metal ladders or rails. Touching metal may increase the risk of shock.

Boat owners

- Avoid entering the water when launching or loading a boat. These areas can contain stray electrical currents in the water, possibly leading to electric shock drowning

or injury from shock, including death.

- Each year, have the boat's electrical system inspected by a qualified marine electrician to be sure it meets the required codes of your area, including those set by the American Boat & Yacht Council. Make the necessary repairs, if recommended. Follow the same steps after any major storm that affects the boat.

- Check with the marina owner about the marina's electrical system and whether it has recently been inspected to meet the required codes of your area, including the National Electrical Code® (NEC®).

- Have ground fault circuit protection (GFCI and GFPE) installed on circuits supplying the boat; use only portable GFCIs or shore power cords (including "Y" adapters) that bear the proper listing mark for marine applications when using electricity near water. Test GFCIs monthly.

- NEVER modify the electrical system on a boat or shore power to make something work. The code-required safety mechanisms in place are intended to alert peo-

ple if something is wrong with the boat and with shore power. Find a licensed, qualified professional to help determine the cause of the problem.

Pool owners

- If you are putting in a new pool or hot tub, be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations and that the completed work is inspected by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ).

- Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and — where necessary — replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool or hot tub electrically safe. Have the electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

- If there are overhead electrical lines, make sure they have proper clearance over the pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If you have any doubts, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.

NFPA has several resources for swimmers, boat, and pool owners,

including videos, tip sheets, checklists, and a new NFPA Podcast episode, "Hazards in the Water," that can be downloaded and shared. Please visit nfpa.org/watersafety to learn more.

For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research, and resources, please visit the NFPA press room.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Founded in 1896, NFPA® is a global self-funded nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property, and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission.

For more information, visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freesearch.

Have a safe, happy Fourth of July, leave fireworks to the pros

Every year in Massachusetts, illegal fireworks cause fires, explosions, property damage, and serious injuries. As we enter the weeks around July 4th, when more than 60% of these incidents occur, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is reminding residents and visitors to leave fireworks to the professionals.

"Fireworks are inherently dangerous," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Possessing or using them in Massachusetts requires licensing and certification. They are illegal for personal use here even if purchased legally in another state. These laws work: the rate of fireworks injuries in Massachusetts is about one-fifth the national average."

Over the past five years, fireworks have caused 532 fires and explosions, about \$1.5 million in property damage, and more than 200 serious injuries that required treatment in a hospital emergency department. The following incidents were reported last year alone:

- On May 21, 2023, a Kingston man who was allegedly manufacturing destructive devices for use as homemade fireworks suffered life-altering injuries to his hands,

chest, and face. He was Med-Flighted to Brigham and Women's Hospital. Additional devices found at the scene were secured and rendered safe by the State Police Bomb Squad.

- On July 3, 2023, commercial-grade fireworks caused a fire on the second-floor porch of a multi-family home in Chelsea. State Police fire investigators assigned to the State Fire Marshal's office and Chelsea officials determined that commercial-grade aerial fireworks being discharged in front of a nearby masonry business struck the rear porch and ignited combustible materials. Additional fireworks were found nearby and seized.

- On July 4, 2023, a West Yarmouth man was badly injured after attempting to discharge illegal fireworks. He was transported first to Cape Cod Hospital and then to Brigham and Women's Hospital with severe injuries to his right hand and thigh.

- On July 5, 2023, a teenage boy lost part of his hand and a teenage girl suffered burn injuries after igniting illegal fireworks in Hyde Park. Both were transported to the hospital for their injuries.

- On July 7, 2023, a residen-

tial structure fire in Danvers displaced four residents. State Police and Danvers fire investigators determined that it was caused by the unsafe use of sparklers in the home's basement during an Independence Day party. This was the second year in a row in which sparklers caused a fire that displaced all residents from a home: in 2022, a similar fire in Dracut went to three alarms.

Massachusetts law requires police to seize any illegal fireworks they encounter in the course of their duties. People who use or possess them illegally are also subject to a fine, while the illegal sale of fireworks is an arrestable offense that carries potential jail time.

"We want everyone to have a safe, happy Fourth of July," State Fire Marshal Davine said. "Please don't risk a fire, injury, or a day in court. There are dozens of permitted municipal shows across Massachusetts this season, so leave fireworks to the professionals."

The Department of Fire Services posts a list of permitted fireworks displays and updates it each week through the summer. To view the list — and to learn more about the dangers of illegal fireworks — visit the DFS website.

NEWS BRIEFS

USS CONSTITUTION TO GO UNDERWAY IN HONOR OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

USS Constitution is scheduled to go underway from Charlestown Navy Yard, Massachusetts, on Thursday, July 4, at 10 a.m.

USS Constitution will be closed in the morning and reopen to the public for tours following the underway from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The underway will celebrate the United States' 248th birthday and will include a 21-gun salute viewable from Fort Independence on Castle Island at approximately 11:30 a.m.

USS Constitution will fire an additional 17-gun salute as she passes the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Boston, the former site of Edmund Hartt's Shipyard, where USS Constitution was built and launched on Oct. 21, 1797.

USS Constitution's cruise will be viewable from the Boston

Harborwalk, Castle Island, and Charlestown Navy Yard.

USS Constitution is open Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for public visitation.

USS Constitution is the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat and America's Ship of State.

She played a crucial role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, actively defending sea lanes from 1797 to 1855.

The active-duty Sailors stationed aboard USS Constitution provide free tours and offer public visitation as they support the ship's mission of promoting the Navy's history and maritime heritage and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence.

USS Constitution was undefeated in 33 at sea engagements with opponents. The ship earned the nickname of Old Ironsides during the War of 1812 when British cannonballs were seen bouncing off the ship's wooden hull.

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Events Happening in the Boston area

Wednesday, July 3

Cheer on USS Constitution's Independence Day underway and celebrate our Military Community at the free Huzzah! Salute to Service Block Party! Constitution will depart Charlestown Navy Yard, cruise through Boston Harbor, and pass Fort Independence in South Boston at 11:30 AM for a 21-gun salute! Welcome the ship back to the Navy Yard, and enjoy live music, lawn games, USS Constitution-themed mini-golf, special service projects to honor our mili-

tary, and much more!

2024 Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular

The Boston Pops July 4th Spectacular is slated to take place at the Hatch Memorial Shell on the Esplanade starting at 8:00pm. Keith Lockhart will lead a program featuring the Boston Pops orchestra with Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and R&B/soul singer Darlene Love, along with headliner Broadway star Kelli O'Hara ("The King and I", "Kiss Me Kate"), and

the Americana group The Mavericks. Special guests also include the Singing Sergeants from the United States Air Force Band.

The concert ends at 10:30pm with a fireworks display from 10:30-11pm (subject to change).

City of Boston July 4th Procession

Led by the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, the procession will leave Boston City Hall at 9:00 a.m., stopping to lay wreaths at Granary Burial Ground, and concluding with a

reading of the Declaration of Independence at Old State House.

A Day of Unity: Reading Frederick Douglass

Gather to read one of the most iconic American speeches that supported the call for emancipation. 4 Washington Street (across from the Franklin Steps) 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Downtown Crossing. "What, to the slave, is the Fourth of July" will be read against a backdrop of African drums, dance, and gospel music. There will be a market-

place and a free ice cream social to round out the afternoon.

Saturday, July 6

Navy Week Expo

Learn all about the U.S. Navy through fascinating exhibits and by talking with members

of our Navy at the Navy Week Exp0. 12 - 4:00 p.m., at 2 Christopher Columbus Park.

MassDOT advises travelers to plan ahead for busy Fourth of July travel

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is advising travelers to plan ahead and expect increased volumes of traffic for the Fourth of July holiday period. If traveling, MassDOT recommends utilizing "real time" travel tools, checking holiday schedules for public transportation, and planning trip departure times and routes based on available information.

"With the upcoming Fourth of July holiday approaching, we're encouraging drivers to plan ahead and make use of MassDOT resources when planning holiday travel," said MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "Travelers should also be aware that the monthlong closure of the Sumner Tunnel will begin on Friday, July 5, and are encouraged to consult MassDOT materials on detours and mitigation options. All of us at MassDOT wish everyone a safe

and enjoyable Fourth of July holiday."

All Commonwealth of Massachusetts offices are closed on Thursday, July 4, including Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) customer service locations. Many RMV transactions can be done online: www.mass.gov/RMV.

In addition, any resident who is a member of AAA can also make appointments at AAA locations for some Registry transactions.

The Sumner Tunnel in Boston will be closed seven days a week, from Friday, July 5 to Monday, August 5. During this time, traffic will be diverted through other signed detour routes. This information can be found on the project website at www.mass.gov/sumner-tunnel

Using traffic data, MassDOT has created a traffic forecast for the holiday weekend. Wednesday, July 3 is expected to be the busiest travel day. On Thursday, July 4, drivers are encour-

aged to avoid morning travel, with traffic expected to be lighter in the evening. On Friday, July 5, traffic is expected to be heaviest mid-day. On Saturday, July 6, traffic is expected to be heaviest in the morning. Traffic is expected to be heaviest mid-day on Sunday, July 7.

In addition, the MBTA has released the following information:

On Thursday, July 4, bus, subway, ferry, Commuter Rail and RIDE trips will be fare free after 9:30 p.m.

Subway:

The Red, Orange, Blue, and Green Lines will operate a modified Saturday schedule until 3:00 p.m. After 3:00 p.m., all lines will operate a regular weekday schedule.

Bus and Silver Line: All routes will operate a Sunday schedule.

Commuter Rail: All lines will operate a weekend schedule.

Passengers should note

that all last Commuter Rail trains leaving North Station and South Station will be held for 30 minutes after the close of the fireworks before making final return trips.

The RIDE: All RIDE services will operate a Sunday schedule.

Ferry:

The Hingham/Hull/Logan Ferry will run on a Saturday schedule.

The Charlestown Ferry will run on a weekend schedule.

The East Boston Ferry will run on a weekend schedule.

The Lynn Ferry will run on a weekend schedule.

The Winthrop/Quincy Ferry will not operate.

The CharlieCard Store will be closed on Thursday, July 4.

The I-93 Boston-Quincy High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane will deploy early for the holiday, opening at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2, and 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3. The HOV lane

will not be deployed on Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5, and will return to normal deployment times on Monday, July 8.

Non-emergency roadwork will be restricted outside of fixed work zones starting at 5:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 2, through 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 8.

For those flying through Boston Logan International Airport, Massport is expecting an increase in passengers around the holiday weekend. Travelers are urged to use public transportation and HOV modes, such as the MBTA's Blue and Silver Line, (free from Logan), and Logan Express. For those driving to and from the airport, please add an extra two hours of travel time. Drivers are asked to use the Cell Phone Lots until the traveler is ready for pick up at the curb by a terminal. Passengers can download the free FlyLogan app to access information about the airport, flight status,

purchase Logan Express tickets, reserve parking, among other services.

For more information about Logan Airport, please visit <https://www.massport.com/logan-airport>.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511.com to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.

Follow @MassDOT on X, (formerly known as Twitter), to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

LOCAL STUDENT EARNS ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross celebrated 751 bachelor of arts degree recipients at its 178th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 24 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Dr. Laurie Leshin, director of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and former president of Worcester Polytechnic Institute delivered this year's address to the Class of 2024 and received an honorary degree.

In her remarks, Leshin spoke about the forward-looking, visionary pioneers who have paved the way for space exploration success throughout the years, and stressed the importance of being audacious and pushing boundaries.

"So this is my challenge to you, Class of 2024 - to dare mighty things together," said Leshin. "You certainly inherit an imperfect world. A planet, a society, with flaws. But I have faith in you.

"You have the vision. You have the intelligence and the drive. And if you can you think big, pursue audacious ideas, and do so with passion and commitment, mind-blowing things are possible."

In addition to Leshin, Holy Cross also awarded an honorary degree to Rev. Paul F. Harman, S.J., a longtime Holy Cross administrator who played a key role in the College's transition to coeducation 50 years ago.

The following local students earned degrees:

- Elizabeth Griffith, of Charlestown, Magna Cum Laude
- Nicole Soto-Guerrero, of Charlestown.

TAN GRADUATES FROM STONEHILL COLLEGE

Felix Tan of Charlestown, was

among 625 students to process at Stonehill College's 73rd Commencement on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

During the ceremony, Ed Coolery '94, head coach of the Georgetown University men's basketball team, gave the keynote address. The speaker also received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree alongside Br. Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C. '80, superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and Jean MacCormack, former chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and former president of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate.

For more information about Commencement, visit Stonehill College's website.

About Stonehill College

Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 387-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.

GWENDOLYN AMICO INDUCTED INTO THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI

Gwendolyn Amico of Charle-

stown, Massachusetts, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Amico was initiated at Salem State University.

Amico is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards \$1.3 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives.

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A petition has been presented to said Court by Matthew C. Cioffari of Charlestown, MA, in the County of Suffolk, representing that he holds as tenant in common? undivided part or share of certain land lying in Charlestown, in said County Suffolk, and briefly describes as follows:

The Condominium Unit known as Condominium Unit No. 5 in the Condominium known as 5-9 Franklin Street Condominium, a Condominium established by Master Deed dated March 18, 2015 and recorded at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds on March 24, 2015, in Book 54216, Page 136, as amended by First Amendment to Condominium Master Deed dated July 19, 2016 and recorded at Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 56467, Page 274 and 5-9 Franklin Street Condominium Second Amendment to Master Deed Phase Two Phasing Amendment,

dated July 19, 2016 and recorded at Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 56467, Page 276. setting forth that he desire that all the following described part - of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$1,405,328.00 dollars and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner will be appointed to make sure partition to be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at

private sale or public auction and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.
If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 11th day of July 2024. The return day of this Citation.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Judge of said Court this 24th day of May 2024.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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FRESH AND LOCAL

Spreads make the meal

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Summer is when we all welcome ideas for quick, healthy meals from our pantries or that we can pick up along the way. We recommend that you think of a meal made up of something delicious spread on bread, crackers, veggies, or fruit. These combos are great for picnics, vacation rentals, day trips, beach days, or at home.

When you think about it, you may already turn to something spread on bread for a stressless meal when you make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich or enjoy a bit of paté on a slice of baguette.

Layers of Delicious

Here's another case where using the best ingredients and layering flavors can transform something from fuel to enjoyment. While paté on a baguette is excellent, it's even better with a dab of mustard or a slice of pickle. Either or both will add a bit of spice, zestiness, and moisture to your mouthful.

The idea of layering will inspire you to turn some of your favorite food combos into spreadable meals. If you love corn beef sandwiches with sauerkraut on rye, you can spread canned corned beef on party rye squares and top each with a dab of mustard and a small pile of sauerkraut.

Fancy or Simple

One of our favorite fancy spread-on-toast meals is the crab toast from Little Whale Oyster Bar on Newbury Street. A slice of Iggy's bread is toasted, spread with a well-seasoned avocado, and topped with a lovely pile of crab meat. We enjoy it at the restaurant and make it at home if we find very fresh crab meat.

Your base layer can guide whether your meal comprises bite-size bits or an open-faced sandwich. Penny prefers this approach because she wants less bread and more spreads and toppings. Ed will opt for a slice of country sourdough as his base.

Base layer options include fruit and vegetables. Slices of cucumber can be the start of a cooling summer treat. In the simplest form, you can top these with some dill cream cheese and a radish slice. If you want to be fancy, use thicker cucumber slices, hollow out some seeds to allow for more filling, and top them with smoked salmon and dill.

Slices of apple or pear can be the start of a delightful dessert. Peanut butter on an apple is a classic choice. Adding a drizzle of honey and a few chopped nuts can dress it up. Pears also have a classic partner that is one of our favorites.



One of our favorite spreadable meals is avocado toast topped with a lovely pile of crab meat.

Slice a Bosc pear and spread it with room-temperature gorgonzola dolce for a memorable taste combination.

Make it Spread

A supermarket walk with spreads as your goal can quickly fill a basket with hummus, guacamole, baba ganoush, labneh, chutneys, cheeses, canned meat, and fish. But you don't have to limit yourself to already spreadable

items.

We love goat cheese and can turn it into a spread by whipping in milk or yogurt. Leftover meat or fish can be chopped and mixed with your favorite creamy mixer (we like yogurt or crème fraiche) for a spreadable protein.

Letting your eaters do their layering and offering a variety of spreads and bases allows personalization for taste and dietary issues. A meat paté is perfect for

omnivores. However, vegetarian and vegan mushroom paté recipes abound online and in cookbooks. When we make a batch of chopped mushrooms to replace some of the meat in a shepherd's pie, bolognese, or chili, we always whiz a cupful into a lovely mushroom paté.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

Harvest on Vine

Emergency Food Pantry

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